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17TH AVENUE

Road closures could finish job begun by the recession

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Local businesses on 17th Avenue S.W. are worried about their survival over the summer, as the city gears up for road closures up and down the busy avenue.

Jennifer Leblond, owner of Steeling Home, said business owners were made aware of the lane closures — but had no idea that there would be full block-by-block road closures in the area, starting this year and carrying through until 2018. The city's construction schedule indicates there will also be sidewalk work.

"This construction will decimate the avenue," Leblond said in an email. "It will be a very sad day for one of the most beautiful and iconic avenues in Calgary. I do not believe that my business can sustain a 40-60 per cent drop in revenue during the tail end of a recession."

Sam Friley, owner of Buttermilk Fine Waffles, said he feels blessed because the road in front of his restaurant will still have one lane open during construction, but it will be hard for everyone on the avenue regardless.

"Given that they've doubled the property taxes in the beltline, and now they're getting ready to close the roads ... that's going to be a fatal blow for a lot of these businesses," he said. "We've already been through hell, and now we were finally like, 'OK, we've got summer ahead, it's time to make back some money,' because it was a really tough fall. Now this is going to happen."

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Convicted Charleston church shooter Dylann Roof has asked for a new federal trial.

Mundane to slightly strange

Councillor expense reports for 2016 are now available on the city website. Each councillor gets a budget of $238,000 to run their office. That includes staff salaries, which are not made public. What we do get to see are the various everyday 'petty cash'-type purchases. And really, there's nothing too exciting to report this time around.

BRODIE THOMAS METRO

1. Top spender

Coun. Evan Woolley topped the list spending $38,717. The next closest was Coun. Joe Magliocca in Ward 2, who spent $29,717.

3. Calgary Flames tickets

Seven of the 14 councillors used their cash to buy tickets to the Flames at some point in the season. Often it was listed as the Saddledome Foundation Suite, with the number of guests listed.

5. Phone accessories

They may not be sexy, but just about everyone can agree it's difficult to do your job without a phone charger. Various tech accessories were common on just about every councillor's list.

6. Food

Aside from lunch meetings, councillors make sure there are refreshments at most meeting events. Coffee for 30 people cost about $45, according to one councillor's expense sheet.

2. Penny pincher

Coun. Peter Demong narrowly beat out Coun. Diane Colley-Urquhart for spending the least of his budget. He spent $9,262, while Urquhart spent $9,988.

4. White hats

Hey, this is Calgary. It's the iconic object of our city. Couns. Pincott and Keating each purchased several white hats from Smithbilt Hats. These fall under "program expenses."

7. Strangest item

Coun. Brian Pincott rented a popcorn machine for $118. This was for one of the S.W. BRT meetings. But considering how much food this could produce for a crowd, it doesn't seem like a bad deal.

REDEVELOPMENT

Market to be rebuilt

Aaron Chatha
Metro | Calgary

Just weeks after a devastating fire levelled the Symons Valley Ranch Farmer's Market, the owners have sold the space to a local developer — who plans to rebuild it bigger and better.

Merchant development company Capexco will be moving ahead to start redevelopment by adding a retail village component, with the market in the centre. They're also hoping to announce a temporary market location within the next few weeks.

"Despite all the things we're going through, we're feeling pretty blessed about this," said Ken Aylesworth, who was a co-partner of the space with his wife Tracy.

April Wiens of Vasili's Catering said they luckily insured for all their equipment, but are taking a hit in lost revenue. They've already had to cancel a $10,000 wedding booking for the summer.

She's staying positive however, and excited for the rebuild.

To help out the vendors most impacted, Aylesworth has launched a fundraising campaign, selling T-shirts and putting the profits in a trust to help them out.

Other Calgary businesses have jumped on board to donate, like Jameson's Pub, as well as fellow vendors who have been making goods and donating the profits to the trust.

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ROADS

Councillor has an angle on cul-de-sac parking

Brodie Thomas
Metro | Calgary

A solution on angle parking in cul-de-sacs may be coming to Calgary, but it will come at a cost to those who want to change the rules.

Coun. Shane Keating is bringing forward a notice of motion at this week's council meeting with a workaround.

"Our bylaw reflects the provincial regulations," said Keating.

"In our bylaw, if people complain then we have to enforce it."

The situation has resulted in cul-de-sacs where people have angle-parked for decades, only to find a ticket when someone reports them.

Keating said legally, angle parking is only allowed where signs clearly allow it.

He is proposing homeowners in cul-de-sacs pay the one-time cost of installing those signs.

"It would be the same as a back alley pave," said Keating.

Homeowners would have to get other homeowners to agree to put up signs.

Then the city would take measurements to make sure the cul-de-sac or crescent is large enough to allow for angle parking.

Finally, homeowners would split the cost of putting up signs. Keating suspects the cost would be around $1,000 in most cases, shared between the homes.

Keith Hopkins found a ticket on his wife's windshield in February 2016.

He took his case to traffic court and lost.

He thinks the solution us OK, as long as it doesn't cost him too much,

"I guess I would agree to paying some, because it does make it easier in neighborhoods for parking. You can accommodate more people."

Talks about the southwest Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system are starting up again, and a new round of online consultations are beginning later this month. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Small group talks transit

PUBLIC INPUT

Consultations start on route southwest to Woodbine

Elizabeth Cameron
For Metro | Calgary

The city held a small, invite-only meeting on Saturday to kick off the last wave of consultations for the Southwest Bus Rapid Transit (SW BRT) project.

Running from the downtown core southwest to Woodbine, the SW BRT will traverse a combination of bus-only shoulder lanes, dedicated transit lanes, and regular traffic.

Construction is expected to start in the spring.

"This is the final phase of going out to the public and our stakeholders," said Derek Heric, spokesman for the City of Calgary.

Starting on Feb. 22, all Calgarians will be able to go online to provide input about the rapid-transit route. Feedback will influence the final design.

"We'll take those comments and feed them into the discussion in March on specific areas of the project," Heric said.

Calgary already has five BRT routes, and the SW BRT is one of four new routes to be added.

Some key destinations getting a SW BRT stop are Marda Loop, Mount Royal University (MRU), Heritage Park, and the Rockyview Hospital.

Robbie Nelson, vice-president academic of the MRU Student's Association (SAMRU), said the meeting was productive, but the city could have been more proactive from the start.

"If this process had been used from the beginning, it might have been more expensive and tougher to co-ordinate…but I think it would have been better in the long run," Nelson said.

Several community associations, the SAMRU, I Love YYC Transit, and Ready to Engage, an advocacy group against the SW BRT, were at the meeting.

Alan Hallman, spokesperson for Ready to Engage, said the city is just fulfilling an engagement quota.

"The city is simply checking off boxes to say 'yes, we've consulted,'" he said.

"Then when you get there and the discussion is limited to the colour of paint and landscaping — not the budget — it's not true consultation."

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Atlantic provinces bracing for storm

WEATHER

Blizzard conditions forecast for some areas

Weather warnings are out for the Atlantic provinces as a major snowstorm is forecast to hit the region.

Environment Canada says a low-pressure system from south of Cape Cod is expected to rapidly intensify Monday morning, bringing blizzard conditions and winds up to 110 km/h to Nova Scotia.

Forecasters say total snowfall amounts by Monday evening will range from 30 to 60 centimetres for the western portions of Nova Scotia, 20 to 30 centimetres for northern and eastern regions and 30 to 40 centimetres in Cape Breton.

Environment Canada meteorologist Jason Sheppard at the Atlantic Storm Prediction Centre in Halifax said some areas could even see as much as 75 centimetres.

"Those winds, combined with the snow, will give us blizzard conditions for most of Monday and possibly parts of Tuesday morning," Sheppard said.

Snowfall amounts between 25 and 40 centimetres are expected in much of New Brunswick, with winds gusting up to 90 km/h, while 30 centimetres of snow, driven by winds gusting up to 100 km/h are expected in P.E.I.

Snow and strong winds are expected to hit Newfoundland on Monday night.

Environment Canada and police say travel is not recommended during the storm, noting that roads are expected to be extremely hazardous due to widespread poor visibility, and numerous flights in and out of the region have been cancelled.

"We haven't had one of this capacity in quite a while. Last year was a bit benign compared to what we're experiencing now at the beginning of this week," Sheppard said.

SLOW START

Environment Canada meteorologist Jason Sheppard says the region got off to a slow start this winter as far as extreme weather is concerned, but a recent shift in the jet stream has put Atlantic Canada right in the path of brewing storms from the U.S. eastern seaboard.

"I suspect there will be some happy kids tomorrow as school is potentially cancelled."

Nova Scotia's Emergency Management Office, meanwhile, is warning that the storm combined with high tide on Monday could produce localized flooding along parts of the Atlantic Coast.

After this storm, Sheppard said another one appears to be on its way for later this week for the Maritimes and possibly Newfoundland.

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MONTREAL

Mosques host open-door day to encourage understanding

Two weeks after a gunman killed six Muslim men as they prayed in Quebec City, mosques around Montreal held open-door events aimed at fostering understanding in the wake of the tragedy.

The Quebec City shooting was a "wake up call" that highlighted the need for more dialogue between cultural communities, according to Salam Elmenyawi, president of the Muslim Council of Montreal.

"We want to deconstruct these false stereotypes and break that link of disinformation and misinformation within our society," he said Sunday at the Assuna Annabawiyah mosque.

"There's a lot of it, and now we know it's not just talk."

About 14 mosques were to participate in Sunday's event, which in some cases included meals and presentations.

Visitors arriving at the Assuna mosque in the Parc-Extension neighborhood were offered Tim Hortons coffee and doughnuts, spicy tea and answers to their questions.

One visitor, who only identified herself as Luce and indicated she was 77, said the shooting in Quebec City prompted her to visit a mosque for the first time.

"It makes you wonder what you can do to be closer to these people instead of looking at them from a distance," she said.

Luce, who attended with her daughter Yolande, said she asked mosque members about their beards and attire, as well as "why they don't shake hands with women."

She said she was told the no-touching policy was "all about keeping the respect between men and women" — which she deemed a "very good answer."

> **I think the event is a way to create those links and discover new spaces.**
> Julie Bruneau

Another visitor, Julie Bruneau, came with a group of family and friends that included her seven-year-old son.

She said the event was a chance for him to learn more about diversity, especially since several of his schoolmates were Muslim.

"That's a reality he shares with his classmates, so I think (the event) is a way to create those links and discover new spaces," she said.

In the main hall, several dozen people browsed through pamphlets with titles like "an illustrated guide to Islam" and "what do they say about the Qur'an?" and chatted with the mosque's regulars.

When the call to prayer came, visitors were invited to a balcony to watch as 80 men bowed down facing Mecca for afternoon ritual.

One visitor, 58-year-old Isabelle Larrivee, said it was a chance to meet her neighbours. She said she's already familiar with Islam after spending 12 years in Morocco but appreciated the mosque's offer to demystify its activities to the public.

"I think it's really important to open things, for ordinary people who don't know the Muslim culture to see, to talk and to realize there are some very welcoming and nice people here."

At the Islamic Centre of Quebec in the Saint-Laurent borough, Danish Muzaffar said he wanted people to know they can visit any day, not just once a year.

"It's always been an open house," he said as he set out a tray of vegetarian samosas. "As long as you take off your shoes at the entrance, you're welcome."

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INSIDE EMERSON

‘I don’t anticipate this is going to stop anytime soon’

Residents in Emerson, Man., a hotspot for refugees hopping the U.S.-Canada border, are conflicted about opening doors to those seeking asylum

Jeff French, the volunteer fire chief in Emerson, Man. LYLE STAFFORD/FOR METRO

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

As the sun went down Saturday, Canadian Border Services agents were still screening the more than a dozen asylum seekers who arrived the night before.

Sixteen men, women and children from Djibouti and five men from Somalia safely made the trek to Canada Friday evening. By Sunday morning, the rumour around town was another 23 refugees claimants came in overnight.

It was “fake news,” a diner at the local Vietnamese restaurant joked, pointing to a visiting CNN crew parked outside. There were no illegal crossings reported at the border Sunday, RCMP said.

In this quiet community of about 700 not accustomed to the onslaught of media attention, rumours can run rampant.

The reeve of Emerson-Franklin, Greg Janzen, caught flack online for his comments in interviews warning residents to be careful of “illegals” and “criminals” crossing the border. He said there have been no dangerous encounters with asylum seekers yet, but “the more numbers you get, the law of averages is there is going to be a bad person in the mix.”

Border jumpers aren’t new to this border town, but the increasing number of them is.

The Manitoba RCMP intercepted 249 people in 2015 and 444 in 2016. If no one new arrives by Sunday night, there will have been 62 people intercepted in Manitoba since Jan. 1.

The question of whether or not residents should open their doors to those seeking refuge weighs on Gayle Knoutt, who’s lived in Emerson for 20 years.

“It’s a conflicted feeling,”she said while waiting for Sunday service to start at Emmanuel Lutheran Church. “I mean, we’re Christian people in this community. We don’t want to be turning people away that need help,”

Knoutt said she keeps her doors locked at night for safety’s sake.

“I guess it’s a personal thing. There’s a lot of elderly people that are afraid and we don’t have local (police). We have the RCMP, but they’re not in town,” she said of the neighbouring Morris, Man. detachment.

Twenty-one volunteer firefighters and 12 emergency service providers are based in town.

Emerson’s population is largely elderly, with some long-haul truckers buying houses in town for sporadic stays, said Jeff French, volunteer fire chief.

There’s a smattering of families and about 65 kids who go to Emerson School, including French’s two daughters, ages five and seven.

“We’re able to handle (the influx of refugees), but it is obviously a volunteer fire service, so everyone else has jobs, too,” said French, who commutes to work as a firefighter in Winnipeg an hour away.

“I don’t anticipate this is going to stop anytime soon,” said French.“We’re able to handle (the influx of refugees), but it is obviously a volunteer fire service, so everyone else has jobs, too.”

It’s usually weekend nights when the crews get called on to help locate asylum seekers stranded in farmers’ fields in the wee hours of the mornings.

Many make it about one-and-a-half kilometres past the border before being located and picked up along a highway.

The refugees — mainly from Somalia, Ghana and Djibouti — often bring cellphones and call 911 once they think they’ve arrived in Canada.

Some know to follow the glow of the red lights shining from neighbouring windmills in Letellier, Man., said Janzen.

+ LOOPHOLE

Why are asylum seekers crossing the border into Manitoba?

It’s because of the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement. Enacted in 2004, the ruling means asylum seekers are required to make their refugee claims in the first country — Canada or U.S. — they arrive in. But there’s a “loophole,” said immigration lawyer Bashir Khan. If asylum seekers’ claims are denied in the U.S., some risk walking into Canada. If no one stops them, they can apply for asylum again when they’ve arrived in the country.

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Commanders compared

Donald Trump and Justin Trudeau are meeting Monday. Here are some points on which they differ. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP

Prominent father: Apartment developer Fred Trump
Age at swearing-in: 70, oldest in American history
How opponents once mocked his hair: "Decomposing pumpkin pie inhabited by vicious albino squirrels."
Favourite display of physical fitness: Prolonged handshakes
Tweet last week that included an exclamation mark: "My daughter Ivanka has been treated so unfairly by @Nordstrom. She is a great person — always pushing me to do the right thing! Terrible!"
Philosophy of international relations: "America first. Americanism, not globalism, will be our credo."
Sign he may be too close to billionaires: Appointed three billionaires to cabinet
Declaration about climate change: "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese in order to make U.S. manufacturing non-competitive."
Stance on Syrian refugees: Banned them
Expression of respect for women: "First of all, nobody respects women more than Donald Trump, I'll tell you. Nobody respects women more. My daughter Ivanka always says, 'Daddy, nobody respects women more than you.'"
Reaction to death of Fidel Castro: "Fidel Castro is dead!"
Disappointed supporters by: Breaking promise to repeal protections for undocumented "DREAMers" on first day in office
Evidence of acting chops: Made cameo in Home Alone 2: Lost In New York
Opinion of Meryl Streep: Called her "one of the most overrated actresses in Hollywood."
Thoughts on the media: "These people are the lowest form of life, I'm telling you. They are the lowest form of humanity."

CANADIAN PM JUSTIN TRUDEAU

Prominent father: Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau
Age at swearing-in: 43, second-youngest in Canadian history
How opponents once mocked his hair: "Nice hair."
Favourite display of physical fitness: Boxing
Tweet last week that included an exclamation mark: "Story time at the N'dilo Aboriginal Head Start program – thanks for having me!"
Philosophy of international relations: "We're Canadian. And we're here to help."
Sign he may be too close to billionaires: Attended mansion fundraiser attended by Chinese billionaires
Declaration about climate change: "We will not leave our grandkids with the burden of climate change. We must act now."
Stance on Syrian refugees: Hugged them
Expression of respect for women: "I am a feminist."
Reaction to death of Fidel Castro: "It is with deep sorrow that I learned today of the death of Cuba's longest serving President."
Disappointed supporters by: Breaking promise to reform the electoral system in first term
Evidence of acting chops: Taught high school drama
Opinion of Meryl Streep: Said he wants her to play him in a movie: "She's THAT good."
Thoughts on the media: "I think it's important to underline the important role that the media fills in public discourse and public life."

On the agenda: women at work

President Donald Trump and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau will participate in a roundtable discussion about women in the workforce on Monday.

The event shows the rising policy influence of first daughter Ivanka Trump, who has stressed her commitment to issues like child care.

A White House official says the two countries will launch a task force called the United States Canada Council for the Advancement of Women Business Leaders-Female Entrepreneurs.

The official says Trudeau's office reached out to discuss working on a joint effort, noting that this was seen as an area of shared interest between both leaders.

Ivanka Trump has been a vocal advocate for policies benefiting working women. The White House official says Ivanka Trump was involved in recruiting participants and setting the agenda for the meeting and will attend.

The White House official requested anonymity to provide details in advance of the meeting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ELECTION

Germany's new president joins leaders criticizing Trump

A special assembly elected former German foreign minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier by an overwhelming majority Sunday to be the country's new president.

Steinmeier was elected in Berlin by the assembly made up of the 630 members of parliament's lower house and an equal number of representatives from Germany's 16 states.

Steinmeier succeeds Joachim Gauck, a 77-year-old former pastor and East German pro-democracy activist who did not seek a second five-year term because of his age. The German president has little executive power, but is considered an important moral authority and symbol of the country as its host for visiting dignitaries.

"Let's be brave, because then we don't have to be afraid of the future," Steinmeier said in his acceptance speech.

Steinmeier is normally studiously diplomatic, but he strongly criticized Donald Trump during the U.S. election campaign. Asked in August about the rise of right-wing populism, Steinmeier criticized those who "make politics with fear." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SYRIA

Turkish president says troops making progress

Turkey's president says his troops and allied Syrian fighters have reached the heart of the Daesh stronghold of al-Bab in northern Syria and will eventually march on the extremists' de facto capital, Raqqa.

Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Daesh fighters have begun deserting al-Bab, which has been under attack for weeks. But the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, says Turkish troops have yet to enter the town's centre, with the fighting still concentrated on its outskirts.

The Turkish-backed opposition forces advancing from the north are racing to seize al-Bab before Syrian government forces reach the town from the south. The Turkish-backed forces are still a long way from Raqqa, which is largely surrounded by U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish forces.

Last week, the Kurdish-led Syria Democratic Forces launched a new phase in its Raqqa offensive, aiming to capture towns and villages east of Raqqa. The U.S.-led coalition has targeted several bridges across the Euphrates River in support of the operation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROMANIA

Anti-government protests persist

Protesters numbering in the tens of thousands gathered again Sunday outside the Romanian government's offices to demand the resignation of the country's leadership.

The crowds assembled in Victory Square marked the 13th day of anti-government demonstrations in Bucharest. The protests demanding a new government and a new style of governance started last month when the centre-left government passed an emergency ordinance that would have watered down laws that punish official corruption. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION
How do you tell people it's not OK to be late?

Dear Ellen,

What is the best way to respond to someone apologizing for being late? I've had several appointments lately where I've been kept waiting by professionals who enter the room and start with an apology. My instinct is to say "Oh, it's OK." But I feel it's not OK, especially in circumstances where I'm paying for the appointment. So I end up saying nothing, which just makes the situation awkward.

Kendra

IN MY MIND:
HOW DARE YOU TREAT ME THIS WAY??!! YOUR LACK OF RESPECT HURTS MY FEELINGS
IN REAL LIFE:
It's OK. I can take it...
I'll just be terribly passive-aggressive.
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Dear Kendra,

I have interviewed a lot of people over the years and very early on I noticed a small, but significant, difference between Bigshots of Quality and Bigshots Who Are Insecure Pikers at Heart.

The Pikers liked to keep people waiting.

Director James Cameron surprised me by falling into the former group. Instead of the abrasive egomaniac I'd been warned about, he was engaging, polite, and prompt. I could credit his PR person for the punctuality, but the fact is, celebrity pikers often ignore their own peeps in order to feel important by keeping other people waiting.

Barbara Amiel also surprised me once, by keeping me waiting nearly two hours outside her office at the Toronto Sun. She never did appear, even though she's the one who invited me in (to discuss a small freelance job). If she'd been in the midst of an emergency, her assistant could have sent me on my way. Instead, the embarrassed assistant kept going into her boss's office, then asking me to wait a little longer. I finally left, and 25 years later am still waiting for the courtesy of an apology.

Don't worry. With practice, you'll learn to embrace the awkwardness — for them.

Everybody's late sometimes (as my Metro editor knows; hi, Matt!), and apologies are always in order. But apologies from people who are chronically late tend to ring false after a while. My own solutions include: A. Cutting off people who aren't worth waiting for; B. Accepting the lateness as the price of friendship/business with people who are worth waiting for; C. Waiting a quarter-century till I get a newspaper column in Metro, which has one of the largest daily circulation rates in Canada, and then calling out someone who once kept me waiting.

Your situation calls for Option B. If you want to do business with tardy professionals, you're going to have to suck it up — but that doesn't mean you have to let them off the hook. Do not say "Oh that's OK" when they arrive. Simply accept the apology, and if you feel up to it add: "Do you have my number? It'd be great if you could text next time you're held up."

Don't worry. With practice, you'll learn to embrace the awkwardness — for them.

Need advice?
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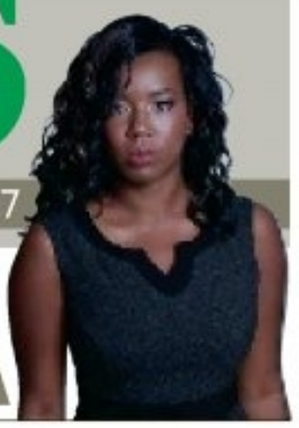

VICKY MOCHAMA
Don't get your hopes up about Trudeau's meeting with Trump

On Monday, the prime minister visits the president.

With his socially progressive views and promotion of Canada as a liberal haven, Justin Trudeau is being set up as the foil to Donald Trump's pessimistic vision of "American carnage."

While it's tempting to expect Trudeau to stand up to Trump, set your bar lower.

The Washington Post already learned this lesson. The paper characterized Trudeau as "emerging as a leader of the liberal global resistance" in an early report on the meeting. An updated version of the story removed the line.

What can be expected: Trudeau will seek to protect, or really, diminish harm to, Canadian interests in the face of a chaotic administration with whom we share a massive border and our most important trade relationship.

Ahead of Monday's meeting, Trudeau's ministers for foreign affairs, finance and defence already visited D.C. to suss out expectations.

According to The Guardian, Trudeau, a former teacher, has called in international reinforcements to prepare a lesson plan for Trump, speaking to the U.K's Theresa May and French President Francois Hollande. And when it comes to dealing with the Donald, Trudeau's experience with distracting children may yet come in handy.

This first meeting won't have the fan fiction quality of the Obama-Trudeau relationship. For those who ship Trubama, there will be no Trudump.

Being on opposing ends of the political spectrum, both men may prefer to focus on things they have in common. They are both scions of privileged families who ended up leading their countries despite lacking the resumé.

They also both deviate from conventional handshake techniques. Trump's is often followed by a jarring pull of his co-shaker's arm. Trudeau famously engineered a bizarre three-way handshake between himself, Obama and Mexican President Enrique Nieto.

To avoid another highly GIFable moment, diplomats ought to have spent the weekend negotiating for a high-five or for both men to dab simultaneously. While there's that to look forward to, the moment so many are waiting for will be handled with kid gloves.

Many hope Trudeau will stand up for Muslims, perhaps with a speech akin to Hugh Grant's turn as U.K. prime minister in Love Actually: "I fear that this has become a bad relationship. A relationship based on the president taking exactly what he wants and not knowing anything about constitutional or international law." It won't happen.

What we will hear: "middle class," "shared values" and "diversity is our strength." (Trudeau is a master of asking about the local sports team.)

If there are bold statements and decisive actions to come, it will be on Trudeau's Europe trip. After all, he can't hold back the damage Trump promises to unleash on his own.

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1 **Reigning Queen Bey** — In her first live outing since announcing her pregnancy, **Beyonce** performed an elaborate ode to motherhood.

2 **Orange crush** — **Rihanna,** among the most-nominated women, was up for eight awards, and wowed crowds with a striking orange bralette.

3 **Not again!** — **Adele** was deflated when her tribute to the late George Michael stalled.

Bey slays, Adele falters again

THE GRAMMY AWARDS

Trump in line of fire during hectic Grammys

Adele, who had trouble with her live performance at last year's Grammys, restarted her tribute to George Michael Sunday at this year's Awards, telling the audience: "I (expletive) up. I can't mess this up for him."

Adele had sang some of a new arrangement of Michael's Fastlove, as videos and photos of Michael played in the background. She re-sang the song and earned applause from the crowd in Los Angeles, though was teary-eyed after. She was still one of the big winners of the night, as she took awards for song of the year, best pop vocal album and pop solo performance.

Until Adele's restart, Beyonce was the talk of the show. In glittery gown, gilded crown and gold choker, the pregnant singer took the Grammy stage in a lengthy performance of two songs from her acclaimed album Lemonade.

She sang on top of a long table, even leaning back on a chair while singing Love Drought. She later sang Sandcastles while sitting down.

After capturing the Grammy for best urban contemporary album for Lemonade, Beyonce outline a vision for the world which all "can be allowed to be beautiful, intelligent and capable" and to see those qualities reflected in institutions ranging from the NFL to the White House, she said.

Hip hop giants A Tribe Called Quest took more direct aim at new U.S. President Donald Trump with a searing performance alongside Busta Rhymes. The rapper called Trump "President Agent Orange." METRO/AP

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You work hard for your cash, so make sure you enjoy it

Gail Vaz-Oxlade
For Metro Canada

I have a line on my budget for ‘pleasures.’ It’s where I put the money I spend getting a massage, buying my favourite ginger-peach candles or springing for tulips when it’s still too cold to be in the garden.

People are always asking me what I spend money on, perhaps because they hear me constantly singing the “don’t spend money you don’t have” song. But there are things I love to do, so I set some money aside each month for things I feel like splurging on.

As long as you’re not going into debt and you’ve got all your bases covered — including long-term savings, your emergency fund, your insurance needs — you can spend your money on anything you want. Want to travel? Go. Want to drink expensive coffee? Do it. Want to buy a new sumthin’or’nother? G’head.

You work hard for your money and you should enjoy the pleasures it can bring you.

The only time spending becomes a problem is when you do it unconsciously and it interferes with your financial/life goals.

You can’t eat out four nights a week if you want to build up a down payment for a home. You can’t buy everything your heart desires if you have no emergency fund. And you can’t smoke, drink or get stoned on the regular and then claim you have no money to save.

Take care of the details and then you can go shopping guilt-free.

Keep in mind that for your pleasures to feel like pleasures, you can’t do them all the time. If you love picking up a magazine at the checkout to enjoy with your Saturday morning tea, grab the mag. But if you aren’t reading those magazines, or just flipping through them quickly because you bought them — so there’s no real pleasure — stop buying.

You need to go without for a while so you can appreciate what you have.

Being able to take pleasure from the things money can buy is part of having a balanced financial life.

Don’t take the desire to enjoy too far and you can keep enjoying for a long time. And if you have to forgo a treat for a couple of weeks because things are a little tight, your pleasure will be all the sweeter the next time you indulge.

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$ WHEN TO SPLURGE

What if you’re still experiencing pangs when you buy yourself the extras? It could be a couple of things:

- Maybe you’ve been in austerity mode for so long you need to re-adjust to the idea that you can afford to splurge a little. Focus on the pleasure you derive from whatever you’re buying and kick the guilt to the curb.
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Shopify on 'wrong side of history'

CONTROVERSY

Woman pulls out of panel over site's ties to Breitbart

Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa tech giant Shopify faces increasing pressure to cease business with Breitbart, a website associated with the American white-nationalist movement.

This weekend, a renowned programmer pulled out of a panel on diversity in technology because it was hosted by Shopify's Toronto office.

"I wholeheartedly believe Shopify is on the wrong side of history," said Ashley Jane Lewis, a 27-year-old Toronto programmer who has spent years teaching women and minorities technology skills.

"I regret all my encounters with them," said Lewis, who teaches coding to Ryerson University undergrads. "I didn't know this was at the core of who they were."

Earlier this month, the Women in Leadership Foundation approached Lewis to be part of a Feb. 28 panel during its annual women in technology week.

Days prior, Shopify employees told reporters they'd signed petitions to have the company cut ties with Breitbart.

Last year, former Breitbart executive Steve Bannon (who is now chief strategist to U.S. President Donald Trump) called his website "the platform for the alt-right," a movement the Associated Press defines as "an offshoot of conservatism mixing racism, white nationalism and populism."

Lewis wanted to see how Shopify would respond. Breitbart uses Shopify to sell merchandise, like T-shirts praising a Mexican border wall.

Last Wednesday, Shopify CEO Tobi Lütke published an online essay titled "In Support of Free Speech," calling his company "an unlikely defender of Breitbart's right to sell products."

"To kick off a merchant is to censor ideas," wrote Lütke.

Lewis found that ridiculous.

"I was really disappointed, and quite mad," she said. "They were really cloaking a decision to be non-controversial with this grandiose."

"Freedom of speech is something people are quite confused about in this type of climate. It's defined in many dictionaries quite clearly; it's the ability to state your options without government reprisal … as long as they don't alter the quality of life of the people around you."

Lewis said she's alarmed people believe that not engaging with controversies relieves them of moral responsibility.

"There are many other platforms this site can host their content on. So there isn't any silencing going on; it's more of a moral stance."

Earlier, Shopify held a free screening of Hidden Figures, a film highlighting black women working in technology.

"The hypocrisy of this stance as a follow-up is just so nauseating," said Lewis. "Spaces hold representation, and they hold clout."

Programmer Ashley Jane Lewis speaks out against Shopify's association with Breitbart, a publication associated with the white nationalist movement. EDUARDO LIMA/METRO

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WHY I LIKE MY JOB

Neilizza Silva, 2D animator, Toronto

I started drawing as soon as I could hold a pencil. I always knew that I wanted to work professionally as an artist, but I never really thought of being an animator until my high school teacher suggested I try it as an extra credit project.

I quickly developed a passion for animation and applied to the four-year bachelor of animation program at Sheridan College.

I've always been interested in working in 2D animation because it reminds me of the old cartoons I used to watch while growing up (so I guess you could say I owe my career to nostalgia!).

Since graduation, I've worked on shows such as Fangbone! (Disney XD) and Fresh Beat Band of Spies (Nickelodeon), and I'm currently working on a new show coming out later in 2017.

I'm responsible for animating scenes based on the storyboard for each episode, while also ensuring my animations are timed appropriately and register well with audiences.

The job is fun and it's always amazing to see my creations come to life on TV. I also get to work with extremely talented people from all around the world.

And did I mention I get to create cartoons? It doesn't get much better than that!

THE BASICS: Animator

$50,973

Median salary for entry-level to mid-career animators. Those with advanced training and experience can expect to earn upwards of **$100,000**.

+8%

Projected rate of job growth over the next **seven years.**

Data for this feature was provided by Payscale.com, tradeschools.ca, senecacollege.ca, sheridancollege.ca and onetonline.org.

HOW TO START

Aspiring animators will need to start with a portfolio of visual artwork before applying to post-secondary programs. Students can choose from dozens of prestigious programs across the country; however, many are structured as post-graduate programs so it's crucial students research carefully for program qualifications. Typical animation courses include script-writing, character development, film production, multimedia applications, storytelling, acting, timing editing and scene design.

WHERE YOU CAN GO

The animation industry has come a long way since the Disney Renaissance of the 1990s. No longer restricted to television and film, animation is virtually everywhere — from video games to online ads, YouTube videos, educational tools and smartphone apps. A graduate of 2D or 3D animation can look for work with reputable studios including DreamWorks, Pixar, Corus, Electronic Arts and Cuppa Coffee Studios, to name a few. Established animators can also delve into the world of freelance.

NEXT CAREER STEP

To advance in this industry, professional animators must keep tabs on and learn the latest advancements in animation technology. A promotion to animation director, art director or creative director could lead to several interesting projects and a lucrative annual salary of more than $100,000.

MICROBREWERIES

Company rides canned craft beer wave to increased sales

For a certain generation of connoisseur, beer sold in aluminum cans cannot call itself "craft beer."

But that's changing, to the relief of Peter Love, whose family-owned Calgary manufacturing business specializes in small-scale canning machines aimed at the craft brewing market.

"We have a snobby industry," concedes the 65-year-old president of Cask Brewing Systems Inc.

Love has been trying to change beer snob attitudes since 1999, when his company came up with a manual canning system to sell to customers making small amounts of beer in brew-on-premises businesses in Ontario.

Three years later, he introduced the product to a perplexed industry at the Craft Brewers Conference in Cleveland.

"I had one guy come up to me and say, 'That's the dumbest idea I've ever heard. What craft brewer would ever put their beer into an aluminum can?"' recalls Love. "(Now) we have 725 customers in about 44 countries around the world."

He said Cask expects to install 100 to 120 systems this year, about the same as in 2016, adding to a client list that includes breweries in Canada, the U.S., Australia, England and Svalbard, Norway (an island about 1,200 kilometres from the North Pole).

President Peter Love of Cask Global Canning Solutions says his micro-canning machines for microbreweries have been installed in 725 locations in 44 countries since 2002.

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Ottawa's Beyond The Pale Brewing Co. started out selling beer in one- and two-litre glass bottles called growlers four years ago, but added a canning system — a secondhand Cask product — two years ago in response to customer demand, says co-owner Rob McIsaac.

"We love canned beer," said McIsaac. "If you are trying to put out a premium product, it's better for the beer to be in cans. It's more convenient, it's better for the environment, it makes a lot of sense."

He said the company still sells beer in bottles and growlers, but most of the 400,000 litres it sold last year went out the door in cans.

Cask's target market keeps growing. The number of small breweries in Canada producing less than 200,000 litres per year rose from 220 in 2010 to 490 in 2015, according to Beer Canada.

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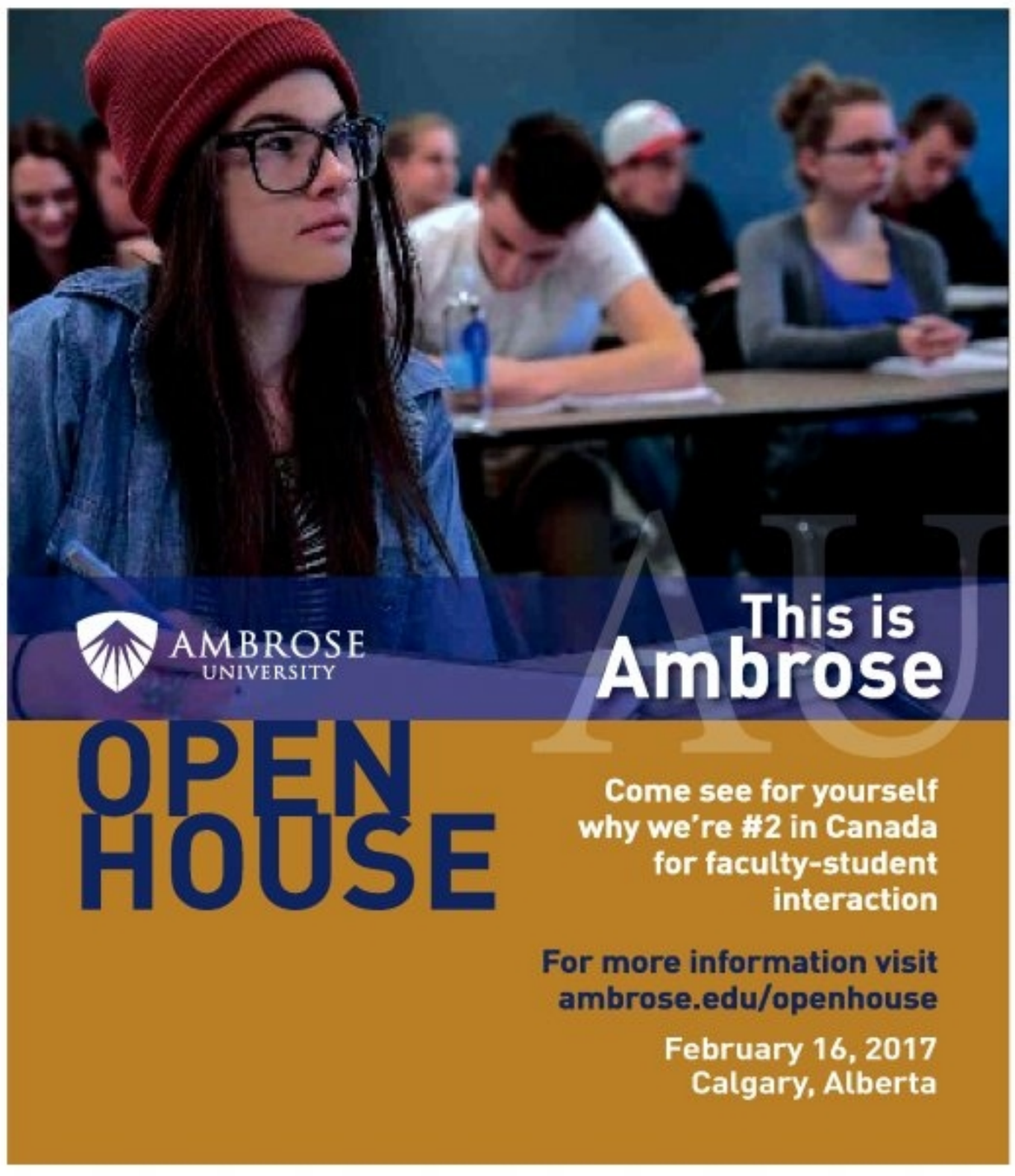
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metro SPORTS

Warriors forward Kevin Durant dropped 34 points and was thoroughly booed in a 130-114 win in his return to Oklahoma City on Saturday

Team-first players key to UConn's success: Coach

NCAA BASKETBALL

Huskies on cusp of winning unprecedented 100th straight

Kia Nurse, right, of Hamilton, says that the Huskies push each other to give it all they've got whenever they're on the court. JESSICA HILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UConn guard Kia Nurse sees a lot of herself when she watches her teammates play and she knows that's not an accident.

The Huskies have a chance to win an unprecedented 100th consecutive game on Monday against No. 6 South Carolina. Nurse and her teammates say that consistency comes not just in the way the team plays, but in the type of player Geno Auriemma and his staff bring into the program.

"You know that every time you go out on the floor as a Connecticut player you have to sprint the floor," said Nurse who is from Hamilton. "You have to run hard. You have to dive on loose balls, because that's what everyone else does. That's what they did to build this place."

Auriemma says he's found there is a very specific type of player that can thrive in his program, which has won 11 NCAA titles, including the last four.

He and his staff obviously recruit talented players. But beyond that, he wants someone who is supremely confident in her own ability and someone who impacts whatever team she's on in multiple ways, making those around her better on and off the court. He also wants someone whose top priority is the team and winning.

He said he can tell if a recruit will be a good fit by the way she answers his questions and by what type of questions she asks him.

"The majority of the kids we get, they talk about winning championships," he said. "Whenever a kid says to me, 'What position am I going to play?' or, 'What's my role going to be on the team?' I go, 'Well, you're probably not going to have one, because you're probably not coming to Connecticut.'"

Auriemma said players such as Nurse, Katie Lou Samuelson, Napheesa Collier and Gabby Williams all came in with the same attitude.

They all were thinking "Of course I'm going to play," he said. "I'll decide what my role is. I'll show coach Auriemma I can do this, this, this and this and of course I'm going to play."

Auriemma acknowledges that not all players handle the pressure of playing for a powerhouse well. Some don't thrive at UConn and will move on.

But those who stay, describe the UConn culture as a big family. Senior centre Natalie Butler transferred into it from Georgetown, where she was the freshman of the year in the Big East.

At UConn, she comes off the bench. She doesn't play a lot of minutes and she's not the star of the team. But she said she's happy, because she's found a group of like-minded players and she fits in.

"Having a team where everyone wants to get at the same place and everyone has this intensity and is 100 per cent about basketball all the time, it's great," she said. "It makes a huge difference and the chemistry is incredible. I don't know how many other teams are this close all the time."

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> **I don't know how many other teams are this close all the time.**
> UConn centre Natalie Butler

PGA TOUR

Spieth coasts to Pebble Beach title

Jordan Spieth kept it simple Sunday and won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am for the ninth PGA Tour title of his young career.

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Spieth played the final 28 holes without a bogey.

Spieth started with a six-shot lead and no one got closer than three shots. He putted for birdie on all but one hole and closed with a 2-under 70 for a four-shot victory over former U.S. Amateur champion Kelly Kraft, who shot 67.

The scenery was as spectacular as it gets on California's Monterey Peninsula. The final round was on the dull side, and that was just fine with Spieth. The 23-year-old Texan ran off 14 straight pars until a 30-foot birdie on the par-3 17th that made for a stress-free walk up the 18th.

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IN BRIEF

Leicester stumbles to its fifth straight loss

Soccer's greatest fairytale is proving to have the gloomiest of sequels.

Leicester, the club which enchanted the sporting world by winning the Premier League as a 5,000-1 outsider last season, plunged closer to the relegation zone in its woeful title defence after losing 2-0 at Swansea on Sunday.

It was a fifth straight league defeat for the stuttering champions.

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SKI CROSS

Thompson, Leman race to gold medals

Marielle Thompson of Whistler, B.C., and Calgary's Brady Leman each won gold at a ski-cross World Cup event on Sunday in Idre Fjall, Sweden.

Thompson led the final all the way down, even though the heat was stacked with each skier having at least one World Cup podium this season.

Sweden's Sandra Naeslund was second and Switzerland's Fanny Smith took bronze.

In the men's competition, Leman pulled out of the gate and took the lead in the first turn. He wouldn't relinquish it again, earning his first win since 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Brady Leman TT NEWS AGENCY

IN BRIEF

Quebecer earns slopestyle bronze in hometown

Canada's Alex Beaulieu-Marchand won bronze in men's skiing slopestyle at a World Cup event in his hometown of Quebec City on Sunday afternoon.

Switzerland's Andri Ragettli took gold with 94.60 points, Britain's James Woods (93.80) won silver and Beaulieu-Marchand (93.40) was third.

"It always feels good to get rewarded for your efforts," said Beaulieu-Marchand. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guay returns to podium at world championships

Erik Guay had an excellent week at the world skiing championships in St. Moritz, Switzerland.

Guay took silver in the downhill event on Sunday, 0.12 seconds behind world champion Beat Feuz of Switzerland. The product of Mont Tremblant, Que., won his second medal of the week just four days after winning the super-G title. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hamelin skates to bronze medal on short track

Francois Hamelin earned his first medal of the season, a bronze in the men's 500 metres on Sunday at the final World Cup stage of the short-track speed-skating season in Minsk, Belarus.

Hamelin, from Sainte-Julie, Que., finished behind two skaters from Kazakhstan, Denis Nikisha and Abzal Azhgaliyev, in the 500-metre final.

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Canadian Jean emerges with mass start bronze

Canada's Olivier Jean earned a bronze medal in the men's mass start on Sunday, the last day of the world single distance speedskating championships in Pyeonchang, South Korea.

Jean, from Lachenaie, Que., quickly skated out in front with a small pack of skaters and never looked back after that, as he ended up collecting bronze behind Joey Mantia of the United States and France's Alexis Contin.

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MAKE IT TONIGHT

Fragrant Faux Pho

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Warm up with a bowl of bright flavour in this quick and easy Vietnamese noodle soup.

Ready in 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp vegetable oil
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tsp fresh ginger, minced
- 6 oz rice vermicelli (half of most packages)
- 3 1/2 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup water
- 14 oz can of coconut milk
- 3/4 lb of chicken breast, thinly sliced
- 6 Tbsp fresh lime juice
- 3 Tbsp fish sauce
- 2 tsp sugar
- Handful of cilantro
- Handful of bean sprouts
- 1 cup julienned carrots
- 1 cup julienned red pepper

Directions

1. In a large pot, warm up vegetable oil and sauté garlic and ginger until translucent and fragrant. Add stock, coconut milk and water and bring to a simmer. Add chicken and cook for 20 minutes.

2. While that's happening, soak noodles in luke-warm water in a large bowl. Once the chicken has been cooking for 20 minutes, add the noodles and stir. Add the lime, fish sauce and sugar. Taste to check seasoning.

3. Serve in large bowls and top with fresh carrots, sprouts, peppers and cilantro.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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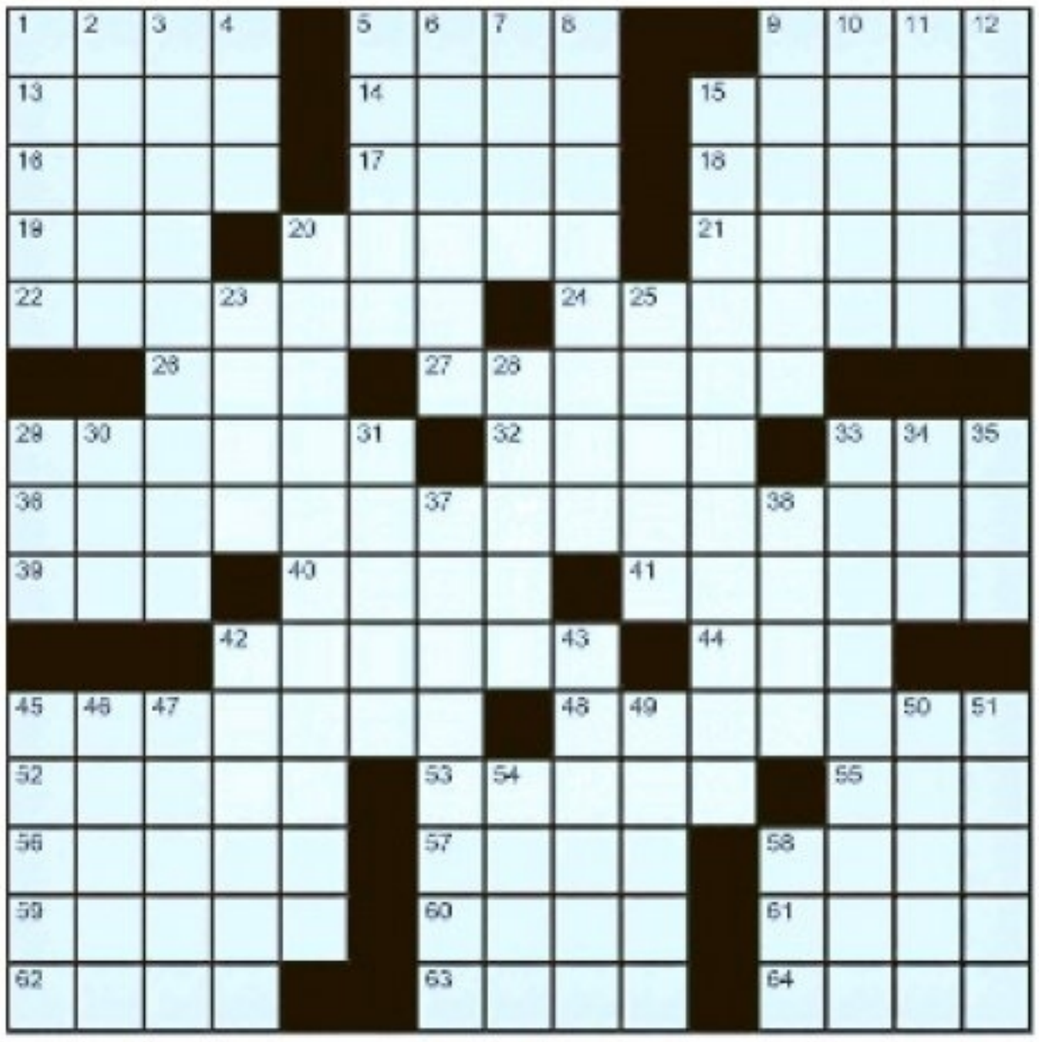

ACROSS
1. Brent Spiner's 'Star Trek: TNG' character
5. Unchanged: 2 wds.
9. Gentlewoman
13. It means 'the same' in Latin
14. Skype for Business' former name
15. Wife of #53-Across
16. Ethereal
17. Emerald _ (Ireland)
18. Capital of Ethiopia, _ Ababa
19. Neither here _ there
20. Chief Teutonic god
21. Holds on property
22. Inane
24. On the loose: 2 wds.
26. Bon _ (High society)
27. Ms. Ross of "Happy Days"
29. Teem/overflow
32. Annoy
33. US broadcasting regulator
36. Montreal Canadien known as 'Boom Boom': 2 wds.
39. "Pick a card, _ card..."
40. Vegas light
41. Musical, Miss _
42. Fiona, in 'Shrek' movies
44. "Rain _" (1988)
45. Military greetings
48. Inutile
52. Commonplace
53. _ the Horrible
55. The Guess _
56. Space shadow
57. Iridescent gem
58. Groom-to-be's party
59. Montreal _ (Where the Canadiens once played)
60. Mr. Griffin
61. "King _" (2005)
62. Ms. Drescher
63. Greek war goddess
64. Pac-Man's blue ghost

DOWN
1. Roman mythology huntress
2. "Farewell!"
3. Yukon, for one
4. Ms. Poehler
5. In the Skin of _ _ (Novel by Canadian author Michael Ondaatje)
6. Method
7. "Drinking _ _ _" by Bran Van 3000
8. Worst-case _
9. Middle of the highway
10. Red _ (Tree in British Columbia)
11. Anti-_ serum
12. Canadian chanteuse, Julie _ (Corey Hart's wife)
15. Hockey Honour... #36-Across since having been inducted in 1972: 3 wds.
20. Stanley Cup: Montreal Canadiens, for example, in 1953: 2 wds.
23. Adjective's follower
25. Petty quarrels
28. Final prayer words
29. Camel hair garment
30. England: Big ticker by the Thames
31. Tractors-maker John
33. Nabisco cookie physicist Isaac would like: 2 wds.
34. Murmur
35. Larry King's old station
37. Returns to one's residence: 2 wds.
38. Money in Oman
42. Sprint faster
43. Sweet as treats
45. Over-gorge
46. _ All (Car care brand)
47. The Balance
49. Barrage on the battlefield
50. Cut of meat
51. Wet
54. "Does anyone have _ _?" (Bic-less query)
58. Schuss

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Talk to someone older or more experienced today if you are dealing with a group of people or if you are defining your future goals. This person's input will be helpful.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You make a great impression on bosses and VIPs today because they see you as reliable, conscientious and dependable. Continue to make this great impression so you make your life easier!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will be surprised how easy it is to study something or learn something new today. Even if you travel somewhere, it will be a learning experience for you.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is a good day to settle matters regarding money disputes, shared property, inheritances, taxes and debt. You won't overlook details, and you'll be realistic.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone older or more experienced might give you excellent advice today. Time spent with an older friend will be to your advantage.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It's easy to work hard today, because you have goals and you don't mind putting in the effort. You see the value of "no pain, no gain." It's all character building.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
This is a good day to teach children something valuable that they need to learn. It's also a good day to practice a technique in sports or the arts.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
A family discussion with someone older and wiser will benefit you today. Think about practical ways to secure your home for the future.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your powers of concentration are excellent today. Your style of working will be thorough and careful; you won't overlook details. This is a good day to make plans for the future.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If shopping today, you will want to buy long-lasting, practical items only. You have respect for your hard-earned money!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today you're willing to work because you can see the benefit of hard work not only for immediate results, but also for the great impression you create on others in the future. Get down to it!

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
This is a wonderful day for research of any kind. You won't stop until you find what you're looking for. And you won't miss anything, either.

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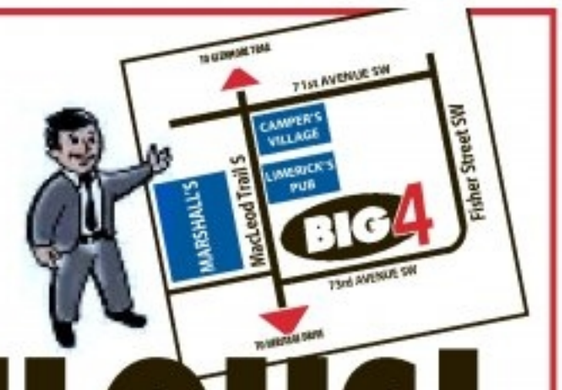

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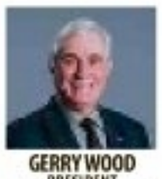

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